

Wm. B. Sappington House
Vicinity of Arrow Rock, Mo.
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Additions and alterations: None

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Outbuildings: Slave quarters of brick and detached brick kitchen.

Historical Data

Year of Erection: 1844

Built for: William B. Sappington, a banker of Arrow Rock, Missouri. He was the son of Dr. John Sappington, noted authority on fevers. Mrs. Sappington was the daughter of Governor Breathitt of Kentucky.

Architect: Unknown.

Remarks: William B. Sappington owned and occupied the house until his death in 1888. The farm was known as "Prairie Park".

Source of information: A Guide to the Boone's Lick Country by Charles van Ravenswaay, (1940, mimeographed).

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WILLIAM B. SAPPINGTON HOUSE
vic. Arrow Rock, Missouri

Physical Data

Name: William B. Sappington House.

Location: Vicinity of Arrow Rock, Missouri.

Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Schwerr.

Present Occupant and Use: Mr. & Mrs. Schwerr, used as farmhouse.

Description (Present Condition)

Wall construction: Brick.

Size and form: 60' x 60', "L" shaped.

Number stories: Two

Front porch: Original, two stories with classic orders.

Rear porch: Added about 1889 or 1890.

Exterior openings, windows: Double hung, 12 light.

" " doors: Wood panel.

Cornice: Across front and along sides of service wing.

Roofing: Wood shingles, sheet metal deck.

Chimneys: Brick, six in number, moulded stone caps.

Interior

Floors: Wood

Doors: Eight panels, silver doorknobs.

Trim: Moulded and mitred at corners in Greek Revival style.

Mantels: Six, some marble.

Stairways: Two, wood.

Plasterwork: Ornamental, elaborate cornice, rosettes in ceiling centers.

An addendum to:
William B. Sappington House
Arrow Rock vicinity
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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

The first floor columns of the portico, as well as the flooring and steps, are of limestone. With the exception of the shutters that have been removed, the house as shown is completely original.

The interior woodwork was probably made in St. Louis or Cincinnati and shipped by boat to Arrow Rock. The mantels in these two rooms are of black marble. The few pieces of furniture which have survived from the original furnishings of the house are very handsome. Some were brought from New Orleans, some were earlier family pieces of Chippendale and Sheraton design.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.